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FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY...A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE IDEAS AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS-----.

NARR:

ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC THIS WEEK, THERE WERE STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS -- BUT STATEMENTS THAT WERE TEMPERED BY WARNINGS THAT SUCH IMPROVEMENT MUST NOT COME AT THE COST OF DIMINISHED STRENGTH.

IN OSLO, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TOLD A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE OF NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS THAT THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE FACES A SERIOUS MILITARY PROBLEM -- BUT ONE WHICH HE BELIEVES CAN BE OVER COME. SOURCES INSIDE THE CLOSED-DOOR MEETING REPORTED THAT DOCTOR KISSINGER SAID THE WEST HAS SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN A BALANCE OF POWER -- BUT THAT IT MUST ALSO HAVE THE WILL TO DO SO. NATO, HE SAID, CANNOT ALLOW MOSCOW TO IMPOSE ITS IDEOLOGICAL VALUES ON OTHER NATIONS -- AND EXPECT THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE TO SURVIVE.

IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK, VISITING FRENCH PRESIDENT VALERIE GISCARD D'ESTAING SOUNDED A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR NOTE -- TELLING A JOINT SESSION OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS THAT FRANCE WOULD MAKE WHATEVER EFFORT AND SACRIFICES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN A STRONG WESTERN DEFENSE. THIS, HE SAID, WOULD BE NEEDED TO BALANCE THE PURSUIT OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

TAPE: CUT ONE -- GISCARD -- 1:04

"DETENTE IS AN OPEN AND SINCERE APPROACH. IT REQUIRES PERSEVERENCE. IT MEANS, ALSO, THAT WE MUST KEEP OUR EYES OPEN. IT MUST BE BASED ON RECIPROCITY. BUT, OPTING FOR DETENTE IS THE OPPOSITE OF RELAXING OUR MORAL DEFENSES. IT DOES NOT SIGNIFY, IN THE SLIGHTEST DEGREE, THAT WE ARE RENOUNCING OUR SYSTEM OF VALUES, OR OUR DESIRE TO SPREAD OUR CONVICTIONS AND PRESERVE OUR WAY OF LIFE."

NARR:

PRESIDENT GISCARD -- ON A WEEK-LONG VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES -- HELD TWO DAYS OF TALKS IN WASHINGTON WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHER TOP AMERICAN OFFICIALS. LATER IN THE WEEK, (OPT) HE TOLD AN AUDIENCE IN PHILADELPHIA THAT THE WORLD'S ECONOMY HAS BEEN TOTALLY DISRUPTED DURING THE PAST THREE DECADES -- AND THAT THE RESTORATION OF ECONOMIC STABILITY AND THE CREATION OF A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER ARE AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS FACING WESTERN INDUSTRIAL NATIONS. THE FRENCH PRESIDENT OUTLINED HIS VIEWS ON YET ANOTHER AREA OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN WHEN HE SPOKE TO A WASHINGTON PRESS CONFERENCE THE FOLLOWING DAY -- CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO JOIN FORCES IN ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE, HE SAID, THAT TIME WILL IMPROVE THE CHANCES FOR REACHING AN AGREEMENT IN THE REGION. (END OPT) WITH REGARD TO THE CONTINUALLY DETERIORATING SITUATION IN LEBANON, PRESIDENT GISCARD SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND FRENCH TROOPS TO HELP RESTORE PEACE IN THAT COUNTRY -- BUT ONLY AT THE INVITATION OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT. FRANCE IS READY, HE SAID, TO CONTRIBUTE TO WHATEVER EFFORTS ARE MADE TO STABILIZE THE STORMY POLITICAL SITUATION IN BEIRUT.

AND THAT SITUATION WAS STORMY, INDEED, THIS WEEK...AS HUNDREDS OF PERSONS WERE KILLED AND MANY HUNDREDS MORE WOUNDED

IN WHAT OBSERVERS SAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE WORST ROUND OF FIGHTING OF THE LEBANESE CIVIL WAR. POLICE IN BEIRUT REPORTED THAT ON TUESDAY ALONE, THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN PERSONS DIED AS ROCKETS AND MORTARS SLAMMED INTO SOME OF THE FEW OFFICE BUILDINGS AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS REMAINING OPEN. THE KEY TO SOLVING THE NATION'S PROBLEMS SEEMED TO LIE THIS WEEK WITH LEFTIST FORCES, GATHERED IN A LOOSE COALITION AROUND THE LEADERSHIP OF KAMIL JUMBLATT. AT LEAST TWICE DURING THE WEEK REPORTS INDICATED THAT THERE MIGHT BE A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE SEARCH FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION -- ONCE DURING THE VISIT OF LIBYAN PREMIER ABDEL SALAM JALLOUD, AND LATER AS REPORTS SPREAD OF A SECRET MEETING BETWEEN HISTER JUMBLATT AND HIS COALITION ON THE ONE HAND, AND LEBANON'S PRESIDENT-ELECT, ELIAS SARKIS, ON THE OTHER. BUT BY WEEK'S END, WHILE THE FIGHTING HAD DIMINISHED, THE POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINED UNCLEAR -- WITH THE LEFTIST COALITION OF MOSLEMS, PALESTINIANS, SOCIALISTS AND OTHER GROUPS EITHER UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO COMPROMISE IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO MISTER SARKIS, WHO HAS THE SUPPORT OF LEBANESE RIGHTWING CHRISTIAN ELEMENTS. REPORTS INDICATED ALSO THAT THE LEFTISTS WOULD MAINTAIN THEIR MILITANT STAND UNTIL THE SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINE LIBERATION ARMY WITHDREW FROM LEBANON. IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT FORD NOTED THE CONTINUED FIGHTING-- AND SAID THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK WITH PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE IN AN EFFORT TO HALT THE FACTIONAL STRIFE AND AID IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

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AT THE UNITED NATIONS THIS WEEK, THE ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN DEBATE ON ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORY WAS ON AGAIN...BUT ONLY

BRIEFLY, CALLED BY EGYPT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO TO PROTEST WHAT CAIRO CALLED UNJUST AND ILLEGAL ACTIONS BY ISRAELI TROOPS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP, THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE HAS SO FAR BEEN INCONCLUSIVE -- WITH THE MAJORITY OF ITS PARTICIPANTS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF ISRAEL, AND ISRAELI AMBASSADOR CHAIM HERZOG COMPLAINING BITTERLY THAT THE DEBATE IS A WASTE OF TIME, CONTRIBUTING NOTHING TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. DURING THIS WEEK'S ABBREVIATED SESSION, EGYPT AND SEVERAL OTHER NATIONS ROSE TO CONTINUE THEIR CRITICISM OF ISRAEL -- THIS TIME, BASING THEIR COMMENTS ON THE HEIGHTENED TENSION IN SEVERAL TOWNS IN THE WEST BANK REGION, AND ON THE DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH LED DURING THE WEEK TO THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THREE ARAB RESIDENTS BY ISRAELI FORCES. (OPT) ONE OF THOSE KILLED EARLY IN THE WEEK WAS A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL, THE DAUGHTER OF A WEALTHY RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF NABLUS, AND THE DISTANT RELATIVE OF A FORMER PREMIER OF JORDAN. IN PROTESTING HER DEATH BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL THE EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD THESE COMMENTS.

TAPE: CUT TWO -- EGYPTIAN -- 1:07

"THE ISRAELI MILITARY GOVERNOR OF COURSE TRIED TO JUSTIFY THIS KILLING BY SAYING THAT THE GIRL WAS DEMONSTRATING, A LIE WHICH THE (ARAB) MAYOR OF NABLUS WAS QUICK TO REFUTE AS THE KILLING HAPPENED HALF AN HOUR AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION ENDED. A LOCAL MERCHANT TOLD FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS THAT WHEN HE PROTESTED TO THE SOLDIER INVOLVED IN THE KILLING, HE WAS THREATENED WITH BEING SHOT (IN HIS WORDS) 'IF I DID NOT SHUT UP.' EVEN THE GOVERNMENT'S PAPER FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO SWALLOW THE JUSTIFICATION OF THE ISRAELI MILITARY GOVERNOR. THE JERUSALEM POST STATED THAT WITNESSES SAID THE GIRL WAS SHOT AT THE DOORSTEP OF A FRIEND'S APARTMENT BY A SOLDIER. AND AS USUAL, MISTER PRESIDENT, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, TRUE TO ITS TRADITIONS AND PRACTICES, PREVENTED RADIO AND TELEVISION CORRESPONDENTS FROM ENTERING NABLUS AFTER THIS INCIDENT." (END OPT)

NARR:

IN JERUSALEM, ISRAELI MILITARY OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE WEEK'S FATALITIES IN THE WEST BANK -- AS WITH OTHERS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN RECENT WEEKS -- WERE IN SOME CASES ACCIDENTAL, AND IN OTHERS THE RESULT OF CONFRONTATIONS WHICH REQUIRED OCCUPATION FORCES TO SHOOT IN SELF-DEFENSE. CLEARLY DISTURBED OVER THE VIOLENCE, WHICH HAS GAINED INCREASING PUBLICITY AROUND THE WORLD, ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER SHIMON PERES SAID CHANGES COULD BE MADE IN METHODS FOR DEALING WITH DEMONSTRATIONS ON THE WEST BANK. A SHORT TIME LATER THE DEFENSE MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THAT SPECIALLY TRAINED BORDER POLICE -- MANY OF WHOM SPEAK ARABIC -- WOULD BE SENT TO THE AREA TO REPLACE ISRAELI ARMY UNITS. AND THE MINISTRY REITERATED THAT OCCUPATION FORCES ARE NOT TO OPEN FIRE EXCEPT UNDER THE MOST EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES. (OPT) IN WASHINGTON, ISRAELI UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR HERZOG RENEVED HIS CRITICISM OF THE U-N DEBATE ON THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES -- CHARGING THAT THE WORLD ORGANIZATION HAS BECOME THE FOCAL POINT FOR OPPOSITION TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND IN GENEVA, A COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION -- IN A MOVE THAT SOME DELEGATES ANGRILY CHARGED WAS MOTIVATED BY POLITICAL RATHER THAN MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS -- APPROVED A RESOLUTION THREATENING TO WITHDRAW ISRAEL'S VOTING RIGHTS IN THE W-H-O UNLESS IT PERMITTED A CONTROVERSIAL INSPECTION TEAM TO SURVEY HEALTH CONDITIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. (END OPT) AMIDST ALL THE CLAMOR AND CONFUSION, MANY OBSERVERS MISSED WHAT OTHERS SAW AS A RAY OF HOPE FOR AN EVENTUAL SETTLEMENT OF

THE SITUATION ON THE WEST BANK -- WHEN ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON SAID RESIDENTS OF THE AREA WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE REGION. THE STATEMENT NOTED A CHANGE IN PREVIOUS ISRAELI POLICY, WHICH HAS BEEN THAT ISRAEL WOULD GIVE UP THE WEST BANK ONLY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A TREATY WITH JORDAN.

IN RIYADH, ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON A SPLIT WITHIN THE ARAB WORLD THIS WEEK -- AS SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT FAILED IN AN ATTEMPT TO HOLD A MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN REPRESENTATIVES AIMED AT SETTling DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CAIRO AND DAMASCUS. THOSE DIFFERENCES HAVE DRIVEN A WEDGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES -- AND HAVE COMPLICATED PAN-ARAB EFFORTS AT DEALING WITH THE SITUATION IN LEBANON, THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND JOINT POLICIES TOWARD THE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA HAD HOPED THAT THIS WEEK'S MEETING IN RIYADH MIGHT PAVE THE WAY FOR RECONCILIATION -- BUT EGYPT SUDDENLY WITHDREW, REPORTEDLY IN PROTEST OVER THE INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF ITS INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL, WHICH HAS BEEN VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED BY SYRIA. AT THE WEEKEND, EFFORTS WERE UNDERWAY TO RESCHEDULE THE MEETING.

IN THE UNITED STATES, THE MAN CONSIDERED MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SIGNING OF THE ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN INTERIM AGREEMENT -- SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER -- HINTED THAT HIS DAYS OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY AND SOMETIMES CONTROVERSIAL FOREIGN POLICY NEGOTIATIONS MAY SOON BE OVER. IN A BROADCAST INTERVIEW, SECRETARY KISSINGER -- WHO MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN WASHINGTON IS IDENTIFIED AS THE ARCHITECT OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY -- SAID THAT HE

MIGHT LEAVE OFFICE AT THE END OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION
NEXT JANUARY.

TAPE: CUT THREE -- KISSINGER -- :33

"I DON'T WANT TO TIE THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POLICY TO ME PERSONALLY. IF A FOREIGN POLICY IS WELL DESIGNED, THEN MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY IT OUT. SO ON THE WHOLE, I WOULD PREFER NOT TO STAY. ON THE OTHER HAND, I DON'T WANT TO SAY TODAY WHEN I DON'T KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WILL EXIST, THE NECESSITIES THE PRESIDENT WILL FEEL THAT HE HAS, THAT I WON'T LISTEN TO HIM (IF HE ASKS ME TO REMAIN IN OFFICE.) BUT ON THE WHOLE, I WOULD PREFER TO LEAVE."

NARR:

SECRETARY KISSINGER AGAIN DENIED THAT THE ATTACKS ON HIM AND HIS POLICIES BY DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AND REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER RONALD REAGAN HAVE IN ANY WAY AFFECTED HIS HANDLING OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- BUT HE INDICATED THAT HE WISHED SUCH ATTACKS WOULD COME TO AN END.

IT SEEMED UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S POLITICAL OPPONENTS WOULD LEAVE DOCTOR KISSINGER ALONE -- INASMUCH AS ADMINISTRATION CRITICS IN BOTH PARTIES HAVE FOUND FOREIGN POLICY TO BE A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN ISSUE. BUT DESPITE ATTACKS ON HIS SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE GROWING STRENGTH OF HIS REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER, PRESIDENT FORD WON THE TWO MAJOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS THIS WEEK -- SWEEPING TO VICTORY IN MARYLAND, AND IN HIS HOME STATE OF MICHIGAN. MISTER FORD -- IN ADDITION TO WINNING THE POPULAR VOTE -- ALSO GAINED CONSIDERABLE GROUND IN HIS FIGHT FOR DELEGATE SUPPORT AT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S NOMINATING CONVENTION IN JULY, WINNING ALL OF MARYLAND'S DELEGATES AND TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE IN MICHIGAN. THE PRESIDENT WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THE WIDE MARGIN OF VICTORY IN HIS HOME STATE, A WIN -- HE TOLD REPORTERS -- WHICH GAVE HIM AND MISSUS FORD MUCH TO SMILE ABOUT.

TAPE: CUT FOUR -- FORD --:43

"I DON'T THINK BETTY AND I HAVE HAD A MORE ENJOYABLE EVENING SINCE WE'VE BEEN IN THE WHITE HOUSE. YESTERDAY'S (VICTORY) RESTORED THE MOMENTUM THAT WE NEED FOR THE REMAINING TWELVE PRIMARIES, AND THE LOCAL CONVENTIONS THAT WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NOW AND THE PARTY CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY. THE MOMENTUM IS GOING, AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP IT UP, AND WE'RE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT A VICTORY (WINNING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY NOMINATION) IN KANSAS CITY."

NARR:

(OPT) AT WEEK'S END PRESIDENT FORD RECEIVED MORE GOOD NEWS FROM NEW YORK -- WHERE PARTY LEADERS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY RECEIVE THE SUPPORT OF A MAJOR BLOC OF DELEGATES WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY REMAINED UNCOMMITTED. BUT EVEN SO, POLITICAL OBSERVERS GENERALLY AGREED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE LATE NINETEENTH CENTURY, THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT AN INCUMBENT PRESIDENT MIGHT BE DENIED THE NOMINATION OF HIS OWN PARTY. (END OPT) MISTER FORD'S CHALLENGER, FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR REAGAN, SHOWED NO SIGNS OF DISMAY AT HIS WEEK'S LOSSES IN MICHIGAN AND MARYLAND -- AND SAID THE SELECTION OF DELEGATES SO FAR PLACES HIS CHALLENGE IN A FAVORABLE LIGHT.

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- REAGAN :16

"NOW WE HAVE MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED. WE'RE ALMOST TO THE HALFWAY MARK WITH REGARD TO THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES NECESSARY (TO WIN) IN KANSAS CITY, AND WE'RE WELL AHEAD OF THE PROJECTIONS WE MADE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CAMPAIGN AS TO WHERE WE WOULD BE (IN THE RACE FOR DELEGATES) AT THIS MOMENT."

NARR:

BY WEEK'S END, MISTER REAGAN MAINTAINED HIS LEAD OVER PRESIDENT FORD IN THE DELEGATE RACE -- AND EVERY INDICATOR SEEMED TO SHOW THAT HE WOULD WIDEN THE GAP NEXT WEEK, WHEN VOTERS GO TO THE POLLS IN SIX STATES, ALL BUT ONE OF THEM CONSIDERED TO BE STRONG FOR MISTER REAGAN.

ON THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE OF THE BALLOT, FORMER GEORGIA GOVERNOR JIMMY CARTER -- WHO HAD SEEMED ONE WEEK EARLIER TO BE AN ALL-OUT-CERTAIN WINNER IN HIS PARTY'S FIGHT FOR THE NOMINATION -- SAW HIS CAMPAIGN SLOWED SOMEWHAT, AS HE MANAGED TO BEAT CONGRESSMAN MORRIS UDALL IN THE INDUSTRIAL STATE OF MICHIGAN BY ONLY A HANDFUL OF VOTES DESPITE MASSIVE LABOR SUPPORT. BUT THE WORST CAME IN MARYLAND, WHERE HE SUFFERED A DECISIVE AND EMBARRASSING DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN. FOR MISTER CARTER IT WAS THE SECOND TIME IN AS MANY WEEKS THAT HE HAD BEEN BEATEN BY A RELATIVELY UNKNOWN NEWCOMER TO THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. IF SUCH A TREND CONTINUED, IT WOULD MEAN THAT MISTER CARTER -- INSTEAD OF REMAINING ABOVE THE BATTLE -- WOULD HAVE TO CAMPAIGN HEAVILY RIGHT DOWN TO THE WIRE. (OPT) FOR MISTER BROWN, HIS WIN IN MARYLAND LEFT HIM CONVINCED THAT DEMOCRATIC VOTERS DO NOT BELIEVE MISTER CARTER TO BE THE INEVITABLE CHOICE OF THE DELEGATES TO THE PARTY'S NOMINATING CONVENTION.

TAPE: CUT SIX -- BROWN -- :21

"AT THE VERY HEIGHT -- ALMOST THE PINNACLE -- OF HIS THRUST, THE MAN IS DEFEATED IN A LANDSLIDE -- FORTY-NINE PERCENT TO THIRTY-SEVEN -- BY SOMEONE WHO HAD NEVER EVEN BEEN TO MARYLAND. I THINK THAT INDICATES A FUNDAMENTAL WEAKNESS IN HIS PRESENTATION TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE."

NARR:

DESPITE HIS LOSS IN MARYLAND THIS WEEK, MISTER CARTER REMAINED THE FAVORITE TO WIN THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION. BUT IN ANTICIPATION OF A FIGHT FOR THAT NOMINATION AT THE PARTY'S CONVENTION IN AUGUST, A SMALL GROUP OF PARTY REGULARS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT THEY WOULD FORM A COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY OF SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY. MISTER HUMPHREY HAS REPEATEDLY REFUSED TO BECOME A CANDIDATE, AND HE DID NOT SAY

THAT HE WOULD SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE NEWLY FORMED COMMITTEE. BUT THE MINNESOTA DEMOCRAT HAS ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE AT THE PARTY'S CONVENTION IN NEW YORK -- IF HIS SELECTION COULD BREAK A DEADLOCK IN THE FIGHT FOR THE NOMINATION.

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(OPT) IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK, THE UNITED STATES SENATE CLIMAXED A FIFTEEN-MONTH INVESTIGATION OF THE NATION'S INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY BY APPROVING THE FORMULATION OF A SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE -- A PANEL WITH EXCLUSIVE CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY OVER THE ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE CAME AS SOMETHING OF A VICTORY FOR CRITICS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY -- WHO HAVE ACCUSED THE CIA AND OTHER AGENCIES OF ABUSES OF POWER AND OF CARRYING OUT ILLEGAL ACTS. THE LEADER OF THE SENATE INVESTIGATION, SENATOR FRANK CHURCH, SAID THE NEW COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE AS ITS MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY THE MONITORING OF THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY -- TO PREVENT SUCH ABUSES IN THE FUTURE.

TAPE: CUT SEVEN -- CHURCH -- :28

"THE COMMITTEE'S GOING TO BE VERY BUSY, REWRITING BASIC LAW FOR THE CIA, REWRITING BASIC LAW FOR THE FBI, BASIC LAW FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY AND OTHERS. AND THAT WILL TAKE SOME TIME. ALL TOLD, THE SELECT COMMITTEE (INVESTIGATING INTELLIGENCE ABUSES) MADE A GREAT MANY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE ENACTED IN THE FORM OF LEGISLATION IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS AHEAD." (END OPT)

NARR:

SENATOR FRANK CHURCH.

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AROUND THE WORLD -- AND DEEP BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH -- THERE WAS MASSIVE MOVEMENT THIS WEEK, CAUSING WIDESPREAD DAMAGE OVER A VAST REGION OF SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA. SOVIET REPORTS ON THE EARTHQUAKE WERE BRIEF, BUT DISCLOSED THAT THE POWERFUL TREMOR HAD CAUSED SERIOUS DEVASTATION AND HAD LEFT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HOMELESS. SCIENTISTS OUTSIDE THE SOVIET UNION SAID THE QUAKE WAS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ONE WHICH HAD KILLED AN ESTIMATED ONE THOUSAND PERSONS IN ITALY EARLIER THIS MONTH -- BUT THAT THE SOVIET TREMOR HAD PROBABLY NOT CAUSED SUCH HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE, HAVING TAKEN PLACE IN A SPARSELY POPULATED FARMING REGION.

IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC, THE FORCES OF NATURE WERE ALSO BRINGING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION THIS WEEK, AS TWO TYPHOONS BROUGHT SCREAMING WINDS AND TORRENTIAL RAINS TO THE PHILIPPINES AND THE ISLAND OF GUAM. IN MANILA, FLASH FLOODS BROUGHT RUSHING WATERS UP TO ROOFTOP LEVELS, AS THOUSANDS OF PERSONS WERE EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES. AND ON GUAM, TYPHOON PAMELA, WITH WINDS ABOVE THREE HUNDRED KILOMETERS AN HOUR, SMASHED BUILDINGS AND RIPPED UP TREES AND COMMUNICATIONS LINES AS IT SWEEPED ACROSS THE ISLAND. THE STORM ACTIVITY WAS BELIEVED TO BE AMONG THE MOST DAMAGING IN RECENT YEARS -- AND AT WEEK'S END, FORECASTERS PREDICTED THAT RELIEF EFFORTS WOULD BE HAMPERED BY CONTINUED HIGH WINDS AND HEAVY RAINS.

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(OPT) FINALLY THIS WEEK, WASHINGTON OBSERVERS AT THE ARRIVAL AND ,DEPARTURE OF FRENCH PRESIDENT VALERIE GISCARD D'ESTAING WERE GIVEN A GLIMPSE OF WHAT AIRPLANE DESIGNERS IN BRITAIN AND FRANCE ARE HOPING WILL BE THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE IN AIR TRAVEL. MISTER GISCARD AND HIS PARTY ARRIVED ON BOARD THE

CONTROVERSIAL SUPERSONIC CONCORDE, THE AIRCRAFT WHICH CRITICS CHARGE WILL CAUSE TOO MUCH POLLUTION, MAKE TOO MUCH NOISE, AND UNNECESSARILY DAMAGE THE CRITICAL OZONE LAYER HIGH IN THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE. BUT FRIENDS OF THE CONCORDE SAY THAT ITS SPEED - TWICE THE SPEED OF SOUND -- WILL PROVE TO BE OF GREAT HELP TO TRANSATLANTIC TRAVELERS. AND THOSE SUPPORTERS ALSO NOTED THAT THE CONCORDE REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT NEW ADVANCE IN AIRCRAFT TECHNOLOGY. BY WEEK'S END, SUPPORTERS OF THE DROOP-NOSED PLANE HAD BEEN GIVEN A BOOST -- WITH A COURT DECISION SETTING ASIDE OBJECTIONS TO ITS USE OF AN AIRPORT OUTSIDE WASHINGTON. THE CONCORDE WILL USE DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR SIXTEEN MONTHS -- WHILE SPECIALISTS MEASURE NOISE AND POLLUTION -- IN A TEST RUN THAT WILL RESULT IN A DECISION ON ITS LONGTERM FUTURE FOR AMERICAN TRAVELERS. NEIGHBORS AROUND THE AIRPORT SAID THAT THEY WERE IMPRESSED BY HOW QUIET THE CONCORDE WAS ON ITS ARRIVAL, BUT SEVERAL DAYS LATER, (SNEAK TAPE) WHEN PRESIDENT GISCARD LEFT WASHINGTON, THEY WERE IMPRESSED MAINLY BY THE BEAUTY OF THE PLANE - WHICH SHOOK THE GROUND AS IT ROSE INTO THE AIR.

TAPE: CUT EIGHT -- CONCORDE TAKING OFF -- SNEAK, THEN UP FOR SEVERAL SECONDS, THEN UNDER AND OUT

NARR:

THE ANGLO-FRENCH CONCORDE -- HEADING FOR ITS CRUISING ALTITUDE OF MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND METERS -- AND FOR WHAT ITS BACKERS HOPE WILL PROVE TO BE THE BEGINNING OF A LONG AND SUCCESSFUL RUN BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

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AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE TOP STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES
THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS -----, JOIN US AGAIN
NEXT -----, WHEN THE VOICES OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT
THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS, ON "THIS WEEK."

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